

BALKAN POWERS DECLARE FOR WAR

Announcement Preceded by One from the Porte Aimed at Ottoman Empire's North-eastern Neighbors.

TURKEY IGNORES GREECE

Experts Believe the Fighting Will Be Short and Sharp—Athenian Government Also Issues Declaration of Hostilities.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)
London, Oct. 18.—The die is cast. Turkey has declared war on Serbia and Bulgaria, somewhat ostentatiously having out Greece and Montenegro. Serbia has returned the defiance in similar form, and, according to latest advices this morning, Bulgaria has done likewise.

Operations are believed to be imminent along the whole range of the Rhodope Mountains.

Disputed accounts are given as to the precise amount of success or failure which has attended the Montenegrin attempts on Scutari, but victories or defeats on the borders of Montenegro do not touch the weightier issues now waiting for settlement further east on the plains of Thrace.

Turkey has not yet declared war against Greece, mainly, as it would seem, on account of the non-fulfillment of certain diplomatic forms, but Greece has practically created a state of war as regards herself, and the Porte no doubt will draw the necessary conclusions.

During Wednesday night two Greek gunboats with their lights out suc-

ceeded in eluding the vigilance of the Turkish forts and entered the Gulf of Arta. The navigation of the narrow bottlenecked entrance to the gulf is dangerous, even in the daytime, on account of the shallow waters and numerous shoals.

The Turks had orders to fire at any Greek warships that might attempt to enter, and these orders were known to the Greek government. The Turks have in this gulf one torpedo boat that escaped the Duke of the Abruzzi's raid at the beginning of the Italian war and two steam launches armed with quick-firing guns.

Insignificant as this force appears, it would be sufficient, nevertheless, in the absence of any Greek force, to place at its mercy the Greek shores of the gulf. Hence the decision of the Greek government to rush to the entrance a squadron of the Greek fleet waiting outside in order to afford assistance, if necessary.

The length of this dangerous passage is eight miles, and the Turkish shore bristles with forts, some of which are new and armed with heavy guns. The most dangerous point was before Preveza, where the gunboats had to pass under the muzzles of the Turkish batteries, only one thousand feet distant.

The Turks could be clearly distinguished working at the intrenchments. They had bonfires lighted, and to the glare emitted by these fires is attributed the non-detection of the Greek ships. If they had been detected their destruction was certain.

Although the Turkish and Balkan armies have been set on the move no fighting except a skirmish or two has thus far been reported, but serious conflicts may occur within a very short space of time near or in the passes both on the Serbian and the Bulgarian borders.

It is understood that the rival armies are ready for the field. King Ferdinand has already left for the front, as also has the Serbian Crown Prince, and King Peter starts to-day.

A Queen at the Front

A still more interesting fact in this connection is that King Ferdinand's consort is also going to the front. She is president of the Bulgarian Red Cross and is highly qualified as a nurse. She saw service in Manchuria. Regarding her intentions she says:

"We have converted a room at the palace in Sofia into a depot for receiving gifts of clothing and food. I shall visit the ambulances and field hospitals and supervise the entire system."

The number of those who have responded to the Bulgarian mobilization call is already sixty-two thousand. Revised estimates of the total number of men which Bulgaria will put into the field now place the number well above four hundred thousand.

Both Bulgaria and Serbia have hundreds of quick-firing guns, and their cavalry has also been increased. Every trooper is already in the field. The Servians have joined their cavalry with that of the Bulgarians.

The Macedonian bands have all re-assembled, fully equipped with arms and ammunition. The leaders state they can put at once 60,000 men in the field. Chief Sandanski will have 2,000 followers, and it is expected that the Turks will have all they can do to deal with these irregulars.

A rumor is current in London to the effect that several million rounds of ammunition consigned to the Bulgarian army have been detained on the way, but at what point is unknown. This is given as the reason for Bulgaria's mysterious hesitation to take immediate action against Turkey.

Between Rumania and Bulgaria a somewhat serious incident has arisen out of the detention by the Sofia government of a Rumanian steamer, which had been chartered by Turkey.

The Rumanian authorities have demanded the surrender of the vessel. On the stock markets the official opening of the war had little or no effect. The foreign bourses also took the matter calmly, while the advance in the English and French bank rates had been so confidently anticipated that scarcely any notice was taken of the official notification thereof.

Turkey's withdrawal of her troops from the immediate vicinity of the Greek frontier and the omission of Greece from the declaration of war were doubtless dictated by Gigmil Pacha, president of the Council of State and the real head of the Turkish government. He has been desirous all along of avoiding a fight with Greece, whose interests, as he recently told the Greek Premier, are identical with those of Turkey. He also desired to cede the island of Crete to Greece.

In her declaration of war Turkey places the blame on Bulgaria and Serbia, whose recent actions she says forced her to take a decisive step, although she was desirous of peace.

The Montenegrins are fighting desperately, but they neglect the commissariat service and the hospitals which are essential in such a campaign.

To Raise a Turkish Loan

The British Cabinet held a long session yesterday to discuss the French proposal for a conference of the powers. It was also said that the British government was supporting the efforts being made to raise a Turkish loan in London, but this is denied at the Foreign Office. Leopold de Rothschild has made several visits to Premier Asquith lately, and it was said that these were connected with the project of a Turkish loan.

Two influences are expected to make the war short and sharp. The first is the approach of winter; the second is financial pressure. None of the belligerent states is in a position to withstand the strain of prolonged military operations.

Bulgaria was disappointed recently in her efforts to raise even a small loan in Paris, while Turkey has been endeavoring, both in New York and Paris, to borrow money, but up to the present without success. The financial resources of the other states concerned are very limited. Little is likely to be heard of the European conference until

MARCONI'S RIGHT EYE REMOVED BY SURGEON

Operation Deemed Necessary to Prevent Total Loss of Sight—Sequel to Automobile Accident Last Month Near Spezia.

Rome, Oct. 17.—William Marconi's right eye was removed to-day by Dr. Bayardi, a noted Turin surgeon.

Mr. Marconi was seriously injured on September 25 in an automobile accident near Borghetto. He was removed to the hospital of the Naval Department at Spezia, where he was treated for several days. The severe contusions and swelling around the injured eye prevented a thorough examination until recently, when it was found that the optic nerve had been affected.

A consultation of physicians was held on Tuesday last, when it was decided

to operate, the removal of the right eye being deemed necessary to preserve the sight of the other. Since October 10 Mr. Marconi's condition had not been satisfactory. He had suffered from neuritic pains and the visual power of the injured eye showed rapid diminution.

Dr. Bayardi had a final consultation to-day with Dr. Fuchs, a specialist of Vienna, after which the operation was performed successfully.

The surgeons this evening pronounced the general state of the patient good.

some decisive action has been fought, when doubtless the European concert will renew its efforts to bring about peace on broad lines.

To Attack Enemies Separately

The war is expected to develop into a land campaign between Bulgaria and Turkey and a naval struggle between Turkey and Greece. It is believed that Turkey will concentrate her strength and attack the Bulgarians separately before the Servians can come to their aid. Much will depend on whether Turkey gains command of the sea, which would, of course, facilitate the transport of her Asiatic troops to the theatre of war.

Little is known as to how far the allied Balkan States have concerted their strategic plans. The independent action of Montenegro seems to indicate that a settled course is being followed.

French Proposals Rejected

According to a dispatch from Constantinople to "The Daily Chronicle," Turkey utterly rejects Premier Poincaré's proposals for a European conference.

A Podgoritz dispatch to "The Daily Chronicle" says that the Montenegrins captured a Turkish position near Tarabosch and from the heights bombarded that fortress all yesterday.

A naval combat occurred on Lake Scutari between a Montenegrin and a Turkish steamer, resulting in the retreat of the Turkish boat.

According to official advices in Constantinople, the Bulgarian advance guards have retired upon the main body after destroying two important railway bridges south of Philippopolis.

There is a rumor this morning that Turkish warships have seized a Russian vessel transporting Bulgarian reservists from Odessa to Varna.

Athens, Oct. 18, 2.30 a. m.—Greece, not wishing to detach herself from her allies, sent instructions early this morning to the minister at Constantinople to communicate a declaration of war to the Porte. Greece at the same time sent a fraternal greeting to the allied states.

Belgrade, Oct. 17.—War against Turkey was formally declared to-night by the Serbian government. The declaration was transmitted to the Serbian Minister at Constantinople this afternoon, with instructions to present it to the Porte to-morrow. The Minister will then leave immediately for Belgrade.

The great powers will receive notification to-morrow of Serbia's declaration. Immense crowds paraded the streets, singing and cheering, after the announcement of Serbia's determination to fight. The crowds are increasing hourly and an enthusiastic war spirit, heightened by the news of actual fighting, prevails.

Two hundred Arnaut (Turkish) tribesmen were killed this morning in a battle with Serbian troops on the frontier near Priepolye, in the northern part of the sanjak of Novipazar. The tribesmen attacked, but were repulsed by the Servians.

King Peter left to-day for his military headquarters at Nish.

Sofia, Oct. 17.—King Ferdinand is on his way to the headquarters of the Bulgarian army, near the Turkish frontier.

Premier Guechoff issued a statement to-day on the attitude of Turkey, saying:

With a pride which ill accords with the miserable role she plays in the European Concert, Turkey has just declared that the identical note of the three Balkan states does not merit an answer.

The Premier characterizes this as comical, in view of Lord Salisbury's definition of Turkey at the Berlin Conference as "a power dependent upon the protection of others for its existence," and adds:

Turkey also accuses the Balkan states of lacking deference to the great powers. It is ridiculous that a government which, since the Crimean war, has done nothing but trample under foot its pledges to the great powers upon whose protection it depends should accuse us of failure to show respect for its protectors.

BULGARIA INVADIED

Constantinople, Oct. 17.—The Council of Ministers were still engaged to-night in debating on the attitude of Turkey toward Greece. After the formal declaration of war to-day against Bulgaria and Serbia the Turkish troops on the Bulgarian and Serbian frontiers received orders to take the offensive at once, and, according to official information to-night, large numbers of Pomaks, fanatical tribes of Mussulman Bulgars, who in past times have massacred Christian Bulgarians wholesale, crossed the frontier at Kirdchali, about forty miles to the west of Mustapha Pacha, penetrating several miles into Bulgarian territory, the Bulgarians retreating.

All reports received here indicate that serious fighting is proceeding at various points, including the district north of Guajine.

The decision of the government to declare war is welcomed with enthu-

slasm by the Turkish people as the action of a strong and confident Cabinet. The Bulgarian and Serbian Ministers will probably leave here to-morrow, as will also the Greek Minister.

GREAT BATTLE IMMINENT

Montenegrins Near Scutari in Bad Strategic Position.

Podgoritz, Montenegro, Oct. 17.—The troops of the Montenegrin centre column are concentrating around Tusi preparatory to a general advance against Scutari. Strong bodies of Turks have been dispatched from that city against them, and a great battle is imminent on ground most unfavorable to the Montenegrin army—the marshy eastern shore of Lake Scutari.

In the event of their being defeated the Montenegrins will be left with their rear unprotected, the small Lake of Houms, which lies behind them, rendering communication with the other columns difficult.

MORE GREEKS SAIL HOME

Volunteers from West Too Numerous for Greek Ships.

Bands of Greek volunteers, laden with baggage, passed through Battery Park yesterday on their way from the West to Brooklyn, where they were assigned to quarters on board the Greek steamship Themistocles. Some wore khaki uniforms and others were in civilian clothes, but, regardless of attire, all looked robust and determined.

Several groups that took the ferry to the pier in South Brooklyn were accompanied by women. It was said by one of the Greeks in charge that the women were relatives of the returning volunteers, who were anxious to comfort the folks at home and to assist in the field as nurses if occasion demanded.

The Themistocles, booked to capacity, will accommodate fifteen hundred men in her stowage. The line will have no other steamship ready until the departure of the Athina, on November 10, but the incoming horde from the West will be taken care of on steamships of other lines with service to Naples and Trieste.

MEDICAL HELP IN BALKANS

American Ambassador Has \$1,000 for Humanitarian Work.

Washington, Oct. 17.—One thousand dollars is at the disposal of Ambassador Rockhill, in Constantinople, for the aid of the Turkish Red Crescent Society to be drawn upon from the funds of the American Red Cross. A similar sum can be drawn upon from the same source by the Red Cross of Greece.

New York man has asked the American Red Cross to send five young physicians to aid the Montenegrin Red Cross. The request will be considered if preferred by the government of Montenegro.

PUT MICE IN FEED BAG

Boys Cause Runaway, in Which Three Are Hurt.

Nathan Klatz, a driver, employed by Kauffman Brothers & Berkelvitz, flower dealers, of No. 148 Ludlow street, stopped at No. 1932 Second avenue late yesterday afternoon. Nathan decided to feed the horse, so, unloosing the bridle, he placed the feed bag over the horse's head and entered a store.

A moment later a boy came along with a mouse trap containing several live mice. Two other youngsters joined him, and the trio decided to kill the mice by putting them in the feed bag. Quick developments followed. The boys disappeared.

The horse plunged through a maze of pushcarts, scattering them and their contents into the street. Cella Robinson, seven years old, of No. 1950 Second avenue; Lena Saslaaky, forty-five years old, of No. 306 East 102d street, and Jacob Epstein, sixty-eight years old, of No. 304 East 102d street, were knocked down and trampled. The woman's right leg was broken.

Patrolman Wallace managed to grab the horse and pull the feed bag off his head, releasing the mice and quieting the horse. Katz, the driver, was arrested on a charge of assault.

HENRY HUTT DIVORCED

Wife of Artist Gets a Decree in Reno Court.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 17.—Mrs. Edna Hutt, wife of Henry Hutt, the artist, gained a decree of divorce in the District Court here to-day on the grounds of desertion.

Mrs. Hutt broke down when giving her testimony and the court proceedings had to be stopped until she recovered. The trial was also interrupted by arguments of counsel on both sides regarding certain charges of cruelty made by Mrs. Hutt.

BAD SPLIT IMMINENT IN CANADIAN CABINET

Premier Borden's French Colleagues Object to New Imperial Navy Policy.

A PLEBISCITE ASKED FOR

Sir Wilfrid Laurier May Support Demand, with Likelihood of Precipitating General Election.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—It is conceded here to-night that a split in the Borden Cabinet is imminent, if, indeed, it is not already accomplished fact. The naval policy of Premier Borden, based upon information furnished to him by the Imperial government, as a result of his conferences with the Admiralty during his recent visit to Great Britain, is responsible for the Cabinet crisis now impending, and the corridors outside the Privy Council chamber and the Dominion Capitol are thronged to-night with the big men in Canadian affairs, attracted by a situation that is full of great possibilities in connection with Canada's entrance into world politics by means of Mr. Borden's proposed navy policy, which will include an immediate cash contribution of from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 to the British Admiralty.

F. D. Monk, Mr. Borden's Minister of Public Works, who is the chief representative of the French-Canadians in the Borden Cabinet, has announced his determination to resign his portfolio immediately, still retaining his seat in Parliament, as a protest against the government's naval policy. He will, it is understood, be followed by Bruno Nantel, Minister of Island Revenues. Both these ministers demand that the question of a great contribution be submitted to a plebiscite, but it is understood that Premier Borden will not consent to this course. All sorts of complications are expected to ensue when Parliament meets.

The date of assembling of Parliament is not definitely fixed, but it is expected that late to-night November 21 will be decided upon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will demand a plebiscite, and Mr. Borden's French-Canadian followers are expected to support his demand. The navy question, it is believed to-night, will entirely overshadow the tariff, and may precipitate a general election in the near future.

CHAMPION STAMP STICKER

Girl Affixes 30,000 Daily at Democratic Headquarters.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)
Chicago, Oct. 17.—The pride of the office at the Democratic national headquarters is Miss Esther Ackerman, of Englewood. She is the official stamp sticker. She stamps 30,000 pieces of mail daily.

The national committee has a stamping machine at work in the office, but it cannot do as much work in eight hours as can Miss Ackerman. About one hundred thousand pieces of mail are sent out daily from the headquarters, and countless express packages besides. Fourteen boys were at work to-day filling envelopes with campaign circulars. Miss Ackerman stamped these faster than the fourteen boys could fill them. Four boys using a rubber stamp could not keep up with her. Miss Ackerman wastes no motions in stamping envelopes. She takes a strip of stamps, wets her fingers in a cup and dampens the stamps as fast as she affixes them. She uses up \$75 worth of stamps in an hour, or about \$60 worth in a day's work.

PACIFICATION IN TRIPOLI

Rome, Oct. 17.—As the Sultan of Turkey has issued a firman granting autonomy to the Arabs of Tripoli and Cyrenaica, the King of Italy has made public a decree according full amnesty to the inhabitants of those two provinces who have been guilty of any acts of hostility against the Italians. All prisoners and deported persons are to be released immediately.

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FRENCH AVIATOR KILLED SELLS WATER FOR CHARITY

Military Monoplane Falls 1,200 Feet.

Châlons-sur-Marne, Oct. 17.—Another French military aviator, Lieutenant Blanc, was killed to-day. He was flying in his monoplane over the entrenched camp here when one of the wings broke and he was thrown from a height of 1,200 feet.

The death of Lieutenant Blanc constitutes the 261st aviation fatality since the death, four years ago, of Lieutenant Selfridge, the first victim of the science brought into being by the Wright brothers.

CONSUL KILLS HIMSELF

U. S. Official at Tenerife Takes Life with Revolver.

Teneriffe, Canary Islands, Oct. 17.—William Whitney Kitchen, American Consul at La Laguna, committed suicide last night by shooting himself with a revolver. He was a sufferer from chronic heart disease.

He was a Canadian by birth, having been born in Toronto on April 6, 1875, but he was naturalized in Buffalo in 1906. He was appointed to his post in Tenerife on March 2, last year.

Mrs. J. O. Bishop Testifies in Suit Over Motor Truck

Mrs. Abigail Hancock Bishop, wife of James Cunningham Bishop, member of the banking firm of Redmond & Co., as a defendant in a suit in the Supreme Court, said she has gone into the business of bottling water at her country place at Yorktown Heights, N. Y., in order that she might use the profits for charitable purposes, and that she had employed five secretaries to attend to her social and business affairs.

Mrs. Bishop was sued by the trustee in bankruptcy of the Motor Engineering Sales Company for \$2,000, the remainder due on a \$3,000 motor truck. She gave a note for \$1,000. Mrs. Bishop said she refused to pay because the truck was not as represented.

The man who sold the truck later went into Mrs. Bishop's employ, and he was a witness for her yesterday.

He said the truck was not in good condition when he sold it to her, although he had told Mrs. Bishop it was in good condition. The witness said he did that to avoid answering a lot of questions. He said he always did that in the case of a woman buyer.

Justice Lehman took the case from the jury, and intimated that he would decide the case against Mrs. Bishop.

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